

1 1. (amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a public switched  
2 telephone network comprising:

A1  
3 a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which over-  
4 lays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically lo-  
5 cated so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) between two or more central  
6 offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange  
7 carrier (ILEC).

Please replace claim 7 with the following amended version thereof to incorporate  
the revisions set forth on the accompanying mark-up page.

1 7. (amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave network  
2 which overlays a public switched telephone network comprising the steps of:

A2  
3 (1) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers,  
4 said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;  
5 (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interof-  
6 fice facility (IOF) between two or more central offices, tandem switches or other prem-  
7 ises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

Please replace claim 8 with the following amended version thereof to incorporate  
the revisions set forth on the accompanying mark-up page.

1 8. (amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a public switched  
2 telephone network comprising:

A3  
3 a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which over-  
4 lays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically lo-  
5 cated so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) between one or more central  
6 offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange

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7 carrier (ILEC) and one or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises con-  
8 trolled by a common carrier other than said ILEC.

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Please replace claim 14 with the following amended version thereof to incorporate the revisions set forth on the accompanying mark-up page.

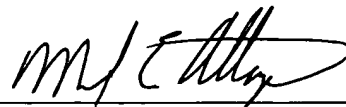
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1 14. (amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave network  
2 which overlays a public switched telephone network comprising the steps of:  
3 (1) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers,  
4 said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;  
5 (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interof-  
6 fice facility (IOF) between one or more central offices, tandem switches or other prem-  
7 ises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) and one or more central  
8 offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by a common carrier other than  
9 said ILEC.

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